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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Sunday:

5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (UKI)

Sunday Mass: 2:00 p.m. (Second & Fourth Sundays of the Month)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday:

8:15 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By appointment – Course Required

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Arrangements 12 months in advance Marriage Course is required

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Please call for appointment.

MEDITATION GROUP Meets in the Parish Hall Tuesday at 8:45 a.m.

PRAYER GROUP Meets in the Griffin Room Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

FALL OFFICE HOURS By appointment.

St. Anselm's School **182 Bessborough Drive** Toronto, Ontario M4G 4H5 416-393-5243



Tuesday, April 26th, 8:15 a.m. For Vocations Requested by Ken and Lorraine Ware

Wednesday, April 27th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Intentions of Jamie Allen Requested by the Family

Thursday, April 28th, 8:15 a.m.

For the Deceased Members of the Aust Family

Friday, April 29th, 8:15 a.m.

Salvatore and Rosaria Buffa Requested by the Family

REMINDER – BUNDLE UP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's "Bundle Up" is happening **THIS WEEKEND** The truck is in the church parking lot on Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers will be available before Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning to assist you. Here are some accepted/not accepted items:

> All Clothing (Any Condition) All Footwear (Any Condition) Bedding (Any Condition) Drapery/Towels Toys (New only) <u>Don't Accept</u> Baby items seats, strollers or any other baby

(Cribs, Car seats, strollers or any other baby furniture) Construction Material (Any Condition) Dishes (Any Kind) Furniture (Any Kind) Books /Video/Audio Cassettes Thank you for your consideration of those in need in our community.

SHARELIFE

ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

When you support ShareLife, you support agencies like Mary Centre. Here's how your support makes a difference for the work of this agency: "Thank you to all who donate to ShareLife. With each donation we receive, we are able to attain our goals of assisting people in their efforts in building a good life, and also providing a safe place for people with a developmental disability to stay so that their families/caregivers and themselves can get some needed respite." Thus far we have raised [insert total raised] toward our goal of [insert goal amount]. Please give generously.

The next ShareLife Sunday collection is May 1.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, atrisk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

We continue to collect contributions to assist with the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. You may donate through the parish with a cheque made payable to "St. Anselm – Ukraine Humanitarian Relief or securely online at any time by visiting <u>www.archtoronto.org</u> Thank you!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Volunteer Recognition Week: Hands and Heart of Service will be celebrated from April 24-30, 2022, in collaboration with Volunteer Canada's National Volunteer Week.

This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our dedicated volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their hands and heart, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. "*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.*" John 13:14.

Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank and recognize the difference you make in your faithful and wholehearted service to our parish ministries.

The pandemic has affected ministries across the diocese, including here in our parish community. Many hands make light work, and hands and hearts of service strengthen the fabric of our parish as we re-establish our ministries.

If you would like to answer the call to service in your parish, please contact the office at 416-485-1792 or office@stanselmschurch.com

We would be most grateful for your time and talents.

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19 Psalm 118 John 20:19-31 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His steadfast love endures forever. Blessed Are Those Who Believe



Today's Gospel sounds like at least two separate stories, each of which is more than enough for one Sunday, even a Sunday of Easter. The first reveals God as the missionary who sends the Son who then shares the divine mission with all believers. The second, the story of Thomas, is written for Christians who never

met Jesus or the first witnesses. John wants to help us understand the difference between faith and knowledge through the prism of Thomas' experience.

John situates the first part of this story "on the evening of the first day of the week." That phrase tells anyone with a Hebrew mindset that John is operating in a new time zone. According to the Jewish reckoning, a day began with sunset, a concept that goes back to Genesis 1, which counted the days saying, "Evening came and morning followed, the first day..." When John calls the evening of the day of Christ's resurrection the "first day," he is speaking about the first day of the new creation, a symbolic day that will never end.

At the time of the first creation, God gave humanity the vocation to be fruitful and multiply, to continue the work of creation. When Jesus became present to the disciples on that evening, he shared his mission much more specifically; he sent the disciples as the Father had sent him. This is an invitation and a command. The risen Lord commissions the disciples to share the very life of God the Father, Son and Spirit by taking on the divine mission. Their promulgation of forgiveness is the mission of the Father, given to them through the Son, and empowered by the Spirit. This mission will bring all into one.

The second story in today's Gospel ties together the whole day of the Resurrection. In the early morning, Mary Magdalen had sought Jesus. When the living Lord found her, he said, "Stop holding on to me ... but go to my brothers [and sisters] and tell them." Jesus explained to Mary that the way to remain with him was through sharing his mission, not through the limitations of physical presence.

When Thomas heard of Jesus' appearances, testimony was not enough to give him peace. He wanted the kind of knowledge that would come from touching the risen Lord for himself. When the risen Lord encountered him in the community, Jesus invited him to see and to touch him. John does not tell us that Thomas did so. John simply indicates that when Thomas received Jesus' greeting of peace and the mission implied with it, he understood more than physical touch could ever demonstrate. That is the experience Christ offers disciples through the ages. Blessed are those who believe. **Alleluia!**

For the Church, that we may be transformed through our encounters with the living Christ and be instruments of healing and forgiveness in our broken world...Lord, hear our prayer...



As the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer, the air in the church will begin to heat up. As a gentle reminder, we ask that you refrain from wearing heavily scented

perfumes and lotions to Mass. Thank you!

2022 DONATION ENVELOPES

There are several assigned boxes of envelopes still in the Millwood lobby. These will be removed and reassigned after the May long weekend. If you have a box of envelopes but haven't been able to get to church to pick them up, please call the parish office and we will hold the box for you. Should you be using another method of parish support and no longer require a box of envelopes, please let us know.

We are grateful for your ongoing support of your parish. **Our offertory and building funds are crucial to daily operations.** You can request a box of donation envelopes, enrol in our parish pre-authorized giving (PAG) program or make a secure one-time or recurring donation online by visiting <u>ADoT Parish - Toronto East</u> <u>Donation Form - Archdiocese of Toronto (archtoronto.org)</u> and choosing "St. Anselm" from the drop-down menu of parishes. Cheques may be mailed or dropped off in the parish office mailbox at any time. Thank you for your support!

